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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 28, 2006 and October 2, 2006, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to following documents cited in the Supplementary European Search Report for European Application No. EP 04 80 7501, of which the above-referenced application is a family member application:

WO 03/044237 A1, May 30, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/016636 A1 (KOBAYASHI et al.), which was published on January 27, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a family member of WO 03/044237 A1

U.S. Patent No. 5,830,408 (AZMUA et al.), which was issued on November 3, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,942,184 (AZUMA et al.), which was issued on August 24, 1999;

Applicants note that this document is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,830,408;

WO 01/68929 A1, September 20, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,918,967 B2 (CRUM et al.), which was issued on July 19, 2005;

Applicants note that this document is a family member of WO 01/68929;

JP 11 293412 A, October 26, 1999, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof;

U.S. Patent No. 6,440,579 B1 (HAUSER et al.), which was issued on August 27, 2002;

EP 1 186 351 A1, March 13, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/098367 A1 (MORI et al.), published July 25, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of EP 1 186 351 A1;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0121162 A1 (YAMAOKA et al.), published June 24, 2004; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents EP 1 186 351 A1 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/098367 A1; and

J.R. DAVIS ED.: "ASM Specialty Handbook – Stainless steels" 1996, ASM INTERNATIONAL, OHIO, USA, XP002435193, ISBN: 0-87170-503-6, page 6.

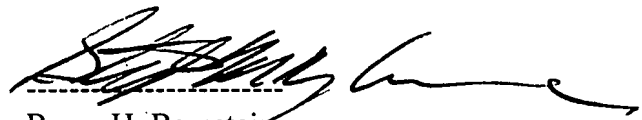
Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Applications) and the Supplementary European Search Report for European Application No. EP 04 80 7501 (in English) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and patent applications cited above are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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